

Eid Al-Fitr Mubarak

First Khutbah

**Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar,
Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar,
Allahu Akbar wa Lillahi Alhamd.**

Allahu Akbar as celebrations and joys succeed one another, and as communities unite in righteousness. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone, with no partner, the Lord of all creation. And I bear witness that our Prophet, **Muhammad** (peace and blessings be upon him), is the servant and messenger of Allah, sent as a mercy to the worlds. May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, his family, and his noble companions, the people of virtue and honour.

To proceed: I advise you, O servants of Allah, to have taqwa of your Lord .

Celebrate this blessed Eid with joy!

We congratulate you on its arrival, asking Allah Almighty to bring it back upon us, our leadership, our homeland, and our society with joy, goodness, happiness, and righteousness.

O you who are happily celebrating this blessed Eid.

As we welcome our Eid in the **Year of the Community**, we are drawn to a great verse—one that precedes the verses of fasting and enumerates the values of righteousness. Allah, Almighty, says: ﴿لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ﴾

"Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but righteousness is in one who believes in Allah and the Last Day⁽¹⁾".

Then, Allah mentions eighteen qualities of righteousness: seven related to faith and worship, and eleven concerning the obligations of society. He concludes the verse by saying:

﴿أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ﴾

"It is they who are the truthful, and it is they who are the righteous.^(٢)".

Thus, piety (taqwa) and righteousness (birr) are inseparable, as Allah says: ﴿وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ﴾

"And cooperate in righteousness and piety.^(٣)".

And righteousness is the fruit of piety, as He also says: ﴿وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنِ اتَّقَىٰ﴾

"But true righteousness is in one who fears Allah.^(٤)".

It is therefore fitting that we reflect upon this noble value during our Eid.

For in the Arabic language, "birr" signifies expansiveness and inclusiveness, from which the word "**barr**" (land) derives, so named because of its vastness.

And thus, righteousness (birr) in its essence is an expansion of good deeds and an extension of acts of kindness.



To emphasize its significance, centrality, and importance, the term *birr* is mentioned more than thirty times in the Holy Qur'an. Moreover, Allah, Almighty, has named Himself "**Al-Barr**" (The Most Gracious and Kind)—a testament to the vastness of His benevolence toward His creation, as He says:

﴿الْبَرَّ الرَّحِيمَ﴾

"Indeed, He is the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful..^(٥)".

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, wa lillahi al-hamd!

O you who celebrate Eid!

The Ramadan you have bid farewell was nothing but a season of righteousness for the community, a time when you united under one crescent, extended hands together in goodness, and embraced acts of solidarity and kindness. It was a month of fasting and perseverance, of devotion and compassion, of giving and benevolence, and of deep awareness of the community.



Do you know what **a community** truly is? It is a harmonious entity, a woven fabric of interconnected lives, where its foundation rests upon:

- A **father and a mother**,
- A **son and a daughter**,
- A **brother and a sister**,
- A **husband and a wife**,
- A **friend and a neighbor**,
- The **elderly and the young**,
- The **wealthy and the needy**.

A **model society** is built upon **righteousness (birr)**, and **foremost among them is "kindness to parents."**

«بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ»

Then follows **kindness to all members of society**, relatives, neighbors, and friends, until it extends even **to non-Muslims**, in obedience to the words of the Lord of the Worlds: ﴿أَنْ تَبْرُوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ﴾

“Be kind and just towards them, for Allah loves those who are just.”^(٦)

Thus, a true believer treats all members of society with the highest standard of righteousness, guided by the noblest principles of honor and virtue.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ﴾

“O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”^(٧)

I say these words and seek Allah’s forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness.

The Second Khutbah

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar,
Allahu Akbar, La ilaha illa Allah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar,
wa lillahi al-hamd.

O you who uphold righteousness in your community!

Let us make our **Eid** a celebration of righteousness, loyalty, and preservation of the values of our ancestors and forefathers. They have passed down to us a legacy of honor,

laying the foundation of a strong and enduring society, upon which achievements are built.

Indeed, our Eid is an act of righteousness towards those noble forefathers—those who fulfilled their covenant with Allah:

".. who have been true to their covenant with Allah.^(٨) "

﴿صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ﴾

They lived **steadfast in their principles, faithful to their land, and defenders of their homeland**. How could we not honor them, when it is by their efforts—through Allah's grace, that we enjoy **security, stability, and prosperity**, as described in the Quran: ﴿يُجَبَىٰ إِلَيْهِ ثَمَرَاتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ﴾

"To which are brought all kinds of fruits.^(٩) "

Let us therefore **follow their path with determination** and continue their **journey of perseverance**. Let us give **our very best to our community**, acting upon the words of our Lord:

﴿لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ﴾

"You will never attain righteousness until you spend from that which you love.^(١٠) "

Each of us must contribute:

- **The student** in his studies,
- **The father** in his family,
- **The teacher** in his school,
- **The employee** in his work,
- **The leader** in his institution.

Let everyone fulfil their role with dedication and perform their duty with excellence, striving for personal growth and contributing to the advancement of their society. Thus, they will be among the righteous (Abrar), whom Allah has promised: ﴿إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ﴾

"Indeed, the righteous will be in bliss."^(١١)

O Allah, send Your blessings, peace, and grace upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family, companions, and all those who follow them. **O Allah**, make this Eid a celebration of happiness and joy, comfort and delight. Grant the United Arab Emirates continued goodness,

stability, progress, and prosperity. Bestow upon us well-being, bless our sustenance, our spouses, and our children.

O Allah, guide the President of the State, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers, the rulers of the Emirates, and his trustworthy Crown Prince to all that pleases You and earns Your satisfaction. O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed. Admit them, by Your grace, into Your vast gardens, and encompass the martyrs of the nation with Your mercy and forgiveness.

Servants of Allah, may every Eid bring you goodness and blessings!

Kul 'am wa antum bikhayr

(١)Al-Baqarah: ١٧٧.

(٢)Al-Baqarah: ١٧٧.

(٣)Al-Ma'idah: ٢.

(٤)Al-Baqarah: ١٨٩.

(٥)At-Tur: ٢٨.

(٦)Al-Mumtahanah: ٨.



(٧)An-Nisa: ٥٩.

(٨)Al-Ahzab: ٢٣.

(٩)Al-Qasas: ٥٧.

(١٠)Aal-e-Imran: ٩٢.

(١١)Al-Infitar: ١٣.